



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Proposed Soil Cleanup Plan and Notice of Exemption for Former Valley Chemical Facility, Shell Chemical LP, located at 500 East Second Street, Imperial, California 92251

Para información en español por favor comuníquese con Jeanne Garcia al número (818) 717-6573.

30-Day PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD January 20 through February 18, 2009

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to comment on a proposed draft Work Plan for In-Situ Soil Treatment for the half-acre Former Valley Chemical Facility site. The primary objective of the cleanup plan is to apply in-situ biodegradation technology to soil located at the site in order to reduce concentrations of chemicals including DDD, DDE, DDT, and toxaphene.

The site was used to formulate agricultural pesticides from the 1950s until 1984 when operations ceased. In 2008, Shell Chemical LP entered into a Voluntary Cleanup Agreement with DTSC and agreed that chemicals left at the site from previous operations would be cleaned up to levels acceptable for future industrial and commercial land use.

The proposed biological treatment will be conducted until chemicals currently present in soil decline to levels acceptable for safety of human health and the environment. After the soil treatment has been completed, additional soil and groundwater samples will be collected to confirm the effectiveness of the treatment. Results of these samples will be used to evaluate whether additional soil treatment is required.

As required by California Law, DTSC has performed a review of the proposed cleanup plan in accordance with this California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Based on the review, DTSC has determined that the proposed cleanup of soil will not have any significant adverse effects on public health or the environment, and proposes to issue a Notice of Exemption in connection with this project. The proposed Notice of Exemption is available for public review during the 30-day comment period from January 20 through February 18, 2009.

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK: We want to know what you think of the cleanup proposal and we encourage your participation. The proposed draft Work Plan, CEQA, and related documents are available at the City of Imperial Public Library located at 200 W. 9th Street, PO Box 38, Imperial, (760) 355-1332. And the full administrative record is available at our DTSC office located at 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress. Please call (714) 484-5337 to make an appointment.

Site documents are also available at www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov

During the comment period, written comments must be mailed or emailed no later than February 18, 2009 to Irena Edwards, Project Manager, DTSC, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630. Email: iedwards@dtsc.ca.gov.

WHO TO CONTACT: If you have any questions, please contact Irena Edwards, DTSC Project Manager at (714) 484-5378, or Tim Chauvel, Public Participation Specialist at 1-866-495-5651 or (714) 484-5385.

Notice to Hearing Impaired: You can obtain additional information by using the California State Relay Service at 1-888-877-5378 (TDD). Ask them to contact Irena Edwards at (714) 484-5385.

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